



NOTICE
VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING
US 59 and US 77 Widening Project
From FM 236 to BU 77
Victoria County, TX
CSJs: 0088-05-096, 2350-01-056

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Yoakum District proposes improvements to U.S. Highway (US) 59 and US 77 in Victoria County, Texas. This notice advises the public that TxDOT will be conducting an online virtual public meeting on the proposed project. The virtual public meeting will be held on **Aug. 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.** To log onto the virtual public meeting, visit www.txdot.gov and search key words "US 59 and US 77" for instructions. The log-in process will record your name and email address for the official record. Members of the public who do not have Internet access or wish to participate by phone, can call 1-415-655-0003, Access code: 160 072 6497.

Project staff will give a pre-recorded presentation regarding the project and an opportunity for questions will be provided following the presentation. The pre-recorded presentation will include both audio and visual components. If you do not have internet access, you may call Jeffery Vinklarek at (361) 293-4363 to ask questions about the project and access project materials at any time during the project development process. Formal comments may be provided by mail or email by **Sept. 9, 2020** as explained below.

The existing facility North of FM 446 is an undivided section with two lanes, one in each direction and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. South of FM 446, US 59 is divided with four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. An existing grade separation exists at US 59 and BU 59. The existing right-of-way (ROW) varies anywhere from 220 feet to over 1,200 feet wide along this corridor.

The proposed improvements to this US 59/US 77 corridor is to upgrade to a controlled access facility. This includes the construction of divided mainlanes that consist of four 12-foot-wide travel lanes, two in each direction and 10-foot-wide outside shoulders. One-way frontage roads that consist of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes with a 4-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder will also be constructed throughout the project limits. The project will include the construction of direct connectors for US 59 Northbound and Southbound at BU 59. A grade separated interchange is proposed at US 77 and Old Goliad Road. Depending on the alternative chosen, approximately 46 to 97 acres of proposed ROW would be required for the proposed project. No sidewalks or easements are currently proposed. No temporary or permanent easements are anticipated.

The proposed project would, subject to final design considerations, require additional right of way and potential displacements. Relocation assistance is available for displaced persons and businesses. Information about the TxDOT Relocation Assistance Program and services and benefits for displaced and other affected property owners, as well as information about the tentative schedule for right-of-way acquisition and construction, can be obtained from the TxDOT district office by calling (361) 293-4335.

Any maps and drawings showing the project location and design, and other information regarding the proposed project will be available online at www.txdot.gov Search: US 59 and US 77 at the time of the virtual public meeting.

TxDOT makes every reasonable effort to accommodate the needs of the public. The virtual public meeting will be in English. If you have a special communication accommodation or need for an interpreter, a request can be made. If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can also be made to accommodate most needs. Please call (361) 293-4436 no later than **Aug. 21, 2020**. Please be aware that advance notice is requested as some accommodations may require time for TxDOT to arrange.

Written comments from the public regarding the proposed project are requested and may be submitted by mail to TxDOT Yoakum District Office, Attention: Jeffery Vinklarek, 403 Huck St, Yoakum, TX 77995. Written comments may also be submitted by email to Jeffery.Vinklarek@txdot.gov. All comments must be received on or before **Sept. 9, 2020**. Responses to comments received will be available online at www.txdot.gov once they have been prepared.

If you have any general questions or concerns regarding the proposed project or the virtual public meeting, please contact Jeffery Vinklarek by phone at (361) 293-4363 or email: Jeffery.Vinklarek@txdot.gov.

The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried-out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated Dec. 9, 2019 and executed by the Federal Highway Administration and TxDOT.